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E.O. 11652: NA

SUBJ: BENNY CARTER AMERICAN JAZZ QUINTET

REF: A-5588 STATE 234635

1. SCHEDULE PER STATE 234635 AND COSTS INVOLVED BENNY CARTER QUINTET CAUSING POST SERIOUS CONCERN. SCHEDULE OUTLINED INCLUDES CHRISTMAS AND A FRIDAY--BOTH NON-PROGRAM DAYS. THIS GIVES IRAN THREE CONCERT DAYS AT ESTIMATED TOTAL COST(PER DIEM AND INTERNAL TRAVEL) OF CLOSE TO \$2500. HAVE INQUIRED REGARDING CO-SPONSORED CONCERT AT TEHRAN'S CITY THEATER; HOWEVER THEIR POLICY NOT TO PAY HOTEL COSTS AND LOW ADMISSION CHARGES (ABOUT \$1.15 PER WITH ONLY 460 SEATS) DO NOT REPRESENT ANY EASING OF FINANCIAL BURDEN TO POST UNLESS LODGING POLICY CAN BE EAVED AND TWO DAYS PER DIEM DEDUCTED FROM GROSS RECEIPTS. POST WOULD STILL HAVE FOUR DAYS PER DIEM PLUS INTERNAL TRAVEL/(PER DIEM IS \$55 IN TEHRAN AND \$28 IN PROVINCES). NO FINANCIAL CO-SPONSORSHIP FORESEEN IN PROVINCES. UNLESS CARTER SCHEDULE CAN BE ADJUSTED TO ALLOW FOUR FULL PROGRAM DAYS IN IRAN AND ONLY ONE NON-PROGRAM DAY, IRAN MAY HAVE TO CANCEL ON COST-EFFECTIVE BASIS.

2. PRESUME FROM REFAIR THAT STANDARD USG PER DIEM ACCEPTABLE.

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SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS WILL COVER FIRST CLASS HOTELS, BUT NOT

DELUXE.

3. MUST HAVE TAPE OF CARTER ASAP. UNABLE GET COMMITMENT FROM
CITY THEATER OR TELEVISION WITHOUT THIS. ALSO NEED PHOTOS, REVIEWS,
ETC.
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